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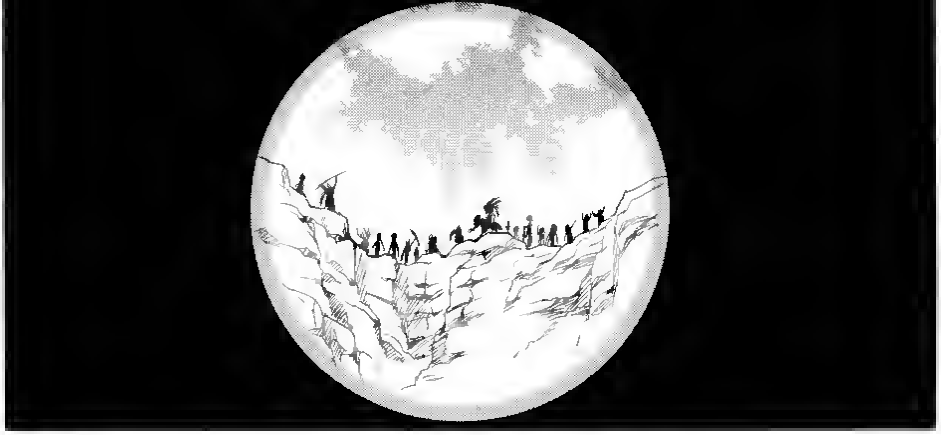

I REALLY WANTED TO AVOID FIGHTING.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

BETWEEN THE SAFETY OF THE RAILROAD AND THEIR BELIEFS, WHICH ONE DO YOU THINK IS MORE IMPORTANT?

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SO NEGOTIATIONS ARE OFF AFTER ALL...

IT'S RADICAN'S TOMAHO CLAN. ABOUT 400 OF THEM.

THE CURRENT LEADER OF THE EXEQUIA FAMILY, CREATOR OF THE MECHANICAL DOLLS.

THE "EMPRESS."

COLONEL BAIRD, WHO IS THAT LADY?

FOR THE SAKE OF REMOVING THE OBSTACLE, LET US LEND YOU OUR STRENGTH.

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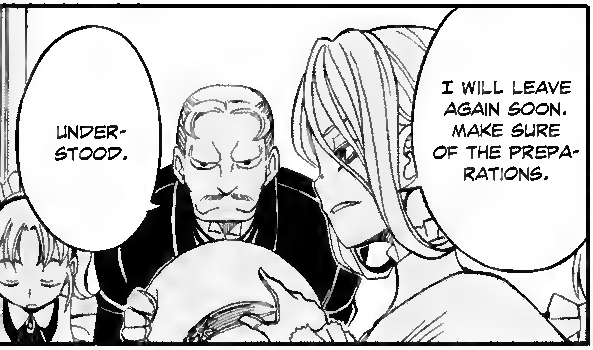
UNDER-STOOD.
I WILL LEAVE AGAIN SOON. MAKE SURE OF THE PREPA-RATIONS.

THE... THE ONE BEHIND?
ALSO, THE GUY BEHIND... I'LL LEAVE IT HERE.
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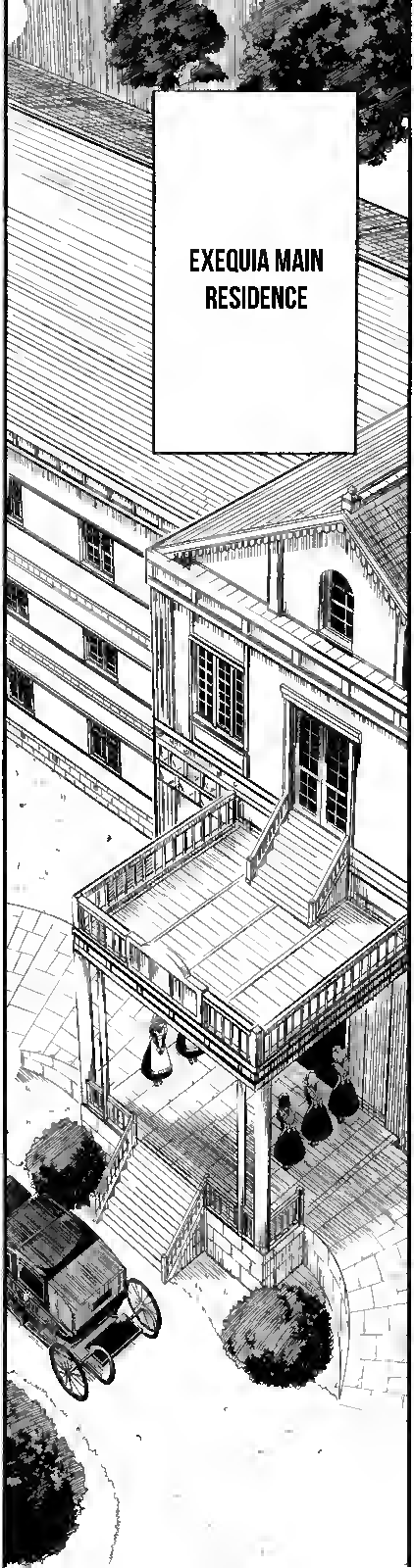
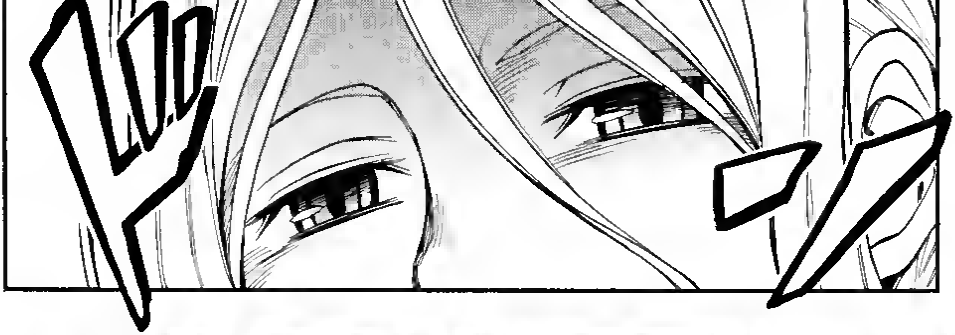

EXEQUIA MAIN RESIDENCE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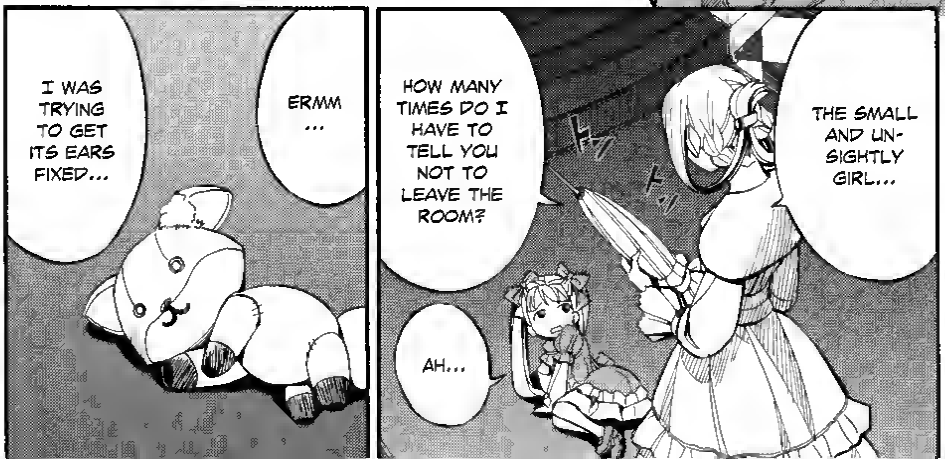
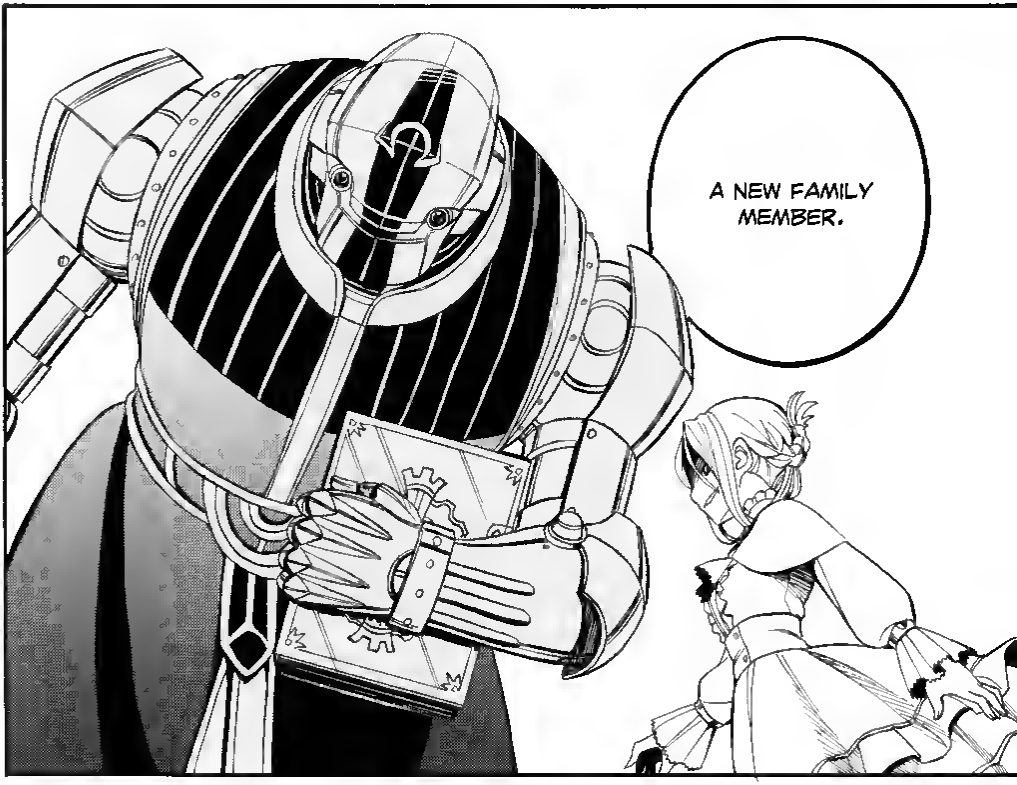

I WAS TRYING TO GET ITS EARS FIXED...
ERMM ...
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU NOT TO LEAVE THE ROOM?
AH...
THE SMALL AND UN-SIGHTLY GIRL...

I... I WILL FIX IT! YOUNG MISTRESS, THIS WAY...
MISTRESS!
THROW THAT AWAY.
BU... BUT...
I WON'T SAY IT TWICE. DO NOT BE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS GIRL.
YE... YES...

SOMETHING A LOT MORE USEFUL THAN THAT DIRTY THING.
I'LL GIVE YOU SOMETHING NICE.


A NEW FAMILY MEMBER.

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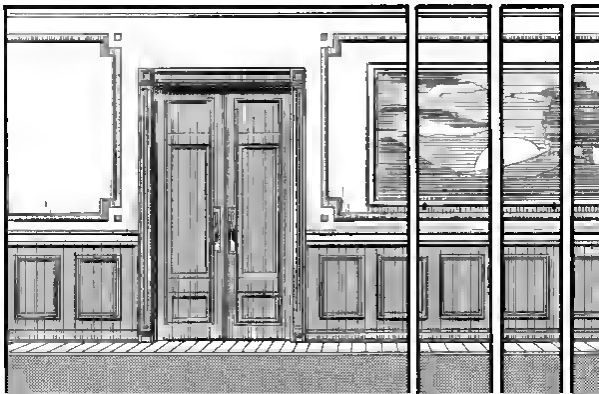

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WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
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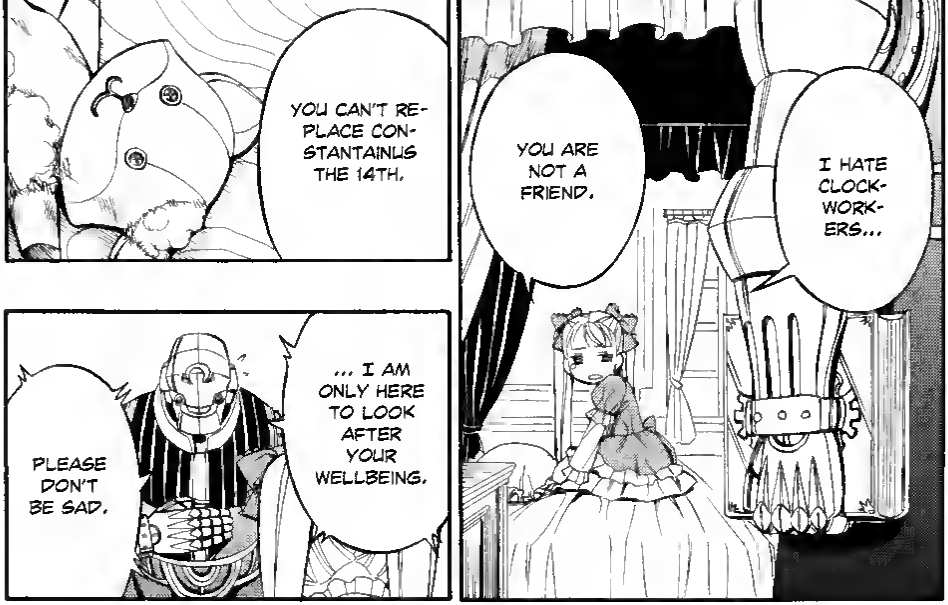
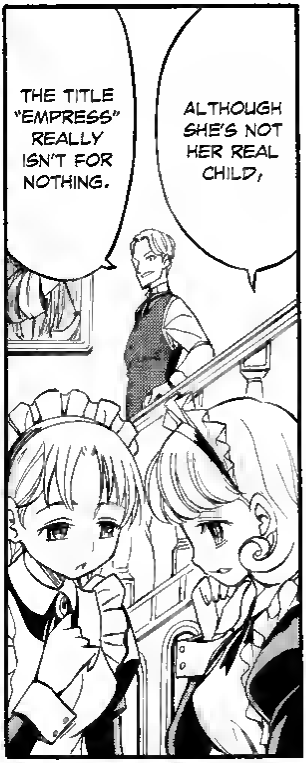
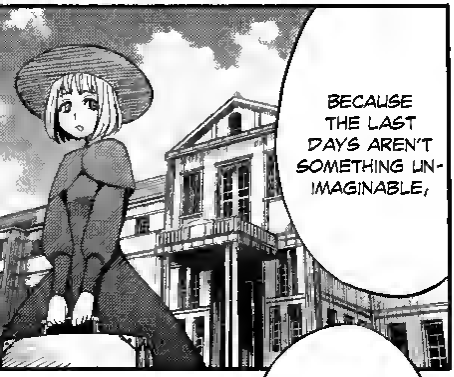
IT'S MY FRIEND..
IS IT BE-CAUSE YOU ARE SAD?
IS IT BE-CAUSE SOMETHING IS BROKEN?
CAN A DOLL BE A FRIEND...?
DON'T TOUCH IT!!

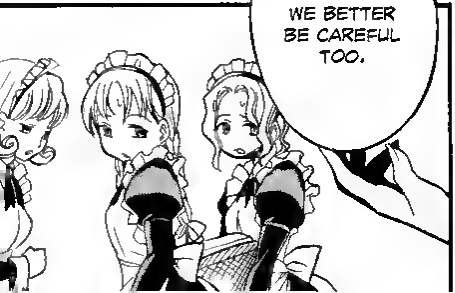

I HATE CLOCK-WORK-ERS...
YOU ARE NOT A FRIEND.
... I AM ONLY HERE TO LOOK AFTER YOUR WELLBEING.
PLEASE DON'T BE SAD.
YOU CAN'T RE-PLACE CON-STANTAINUS THE 14TH.

HOW SAD...
I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT THE MIS-TRESS IS THINKING.

AFTER ALL, SHE'S THE DAUGHTER OF THE JUNEBRIDE FAMILY, OWNER OF ONE OF THE GREATEST BANKS IN THE EMPIRE.
USING THE REVIVAL OF EXEQUIA AND THE MASTER'S MARRIAGE AS BAIT TO GET CLOSE...
THIS REALLY IS A TAKEOVER.

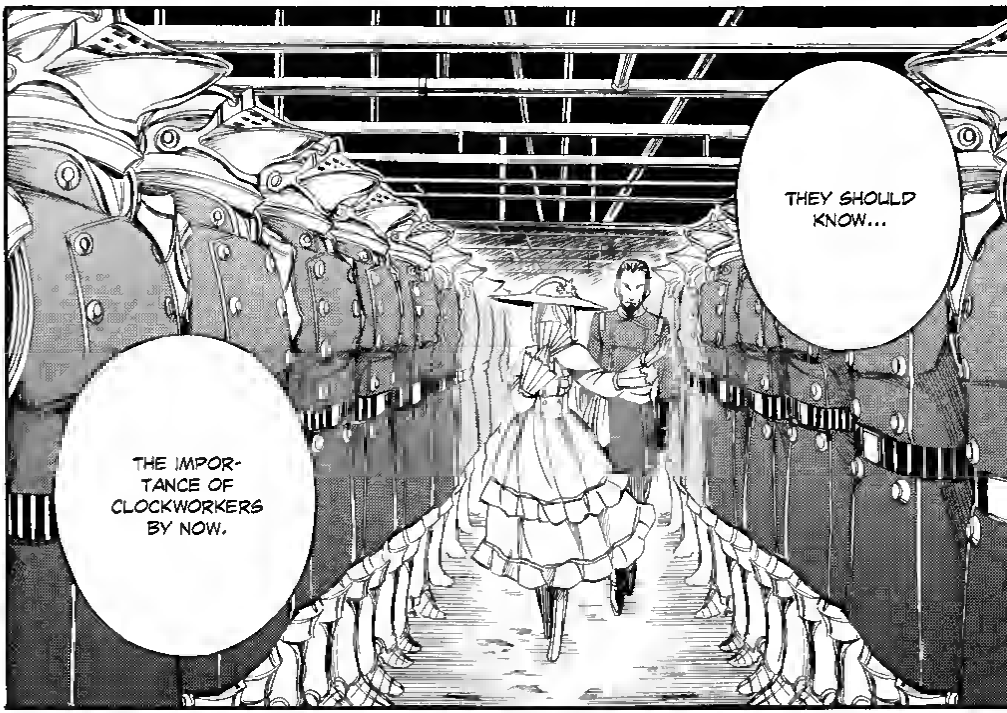

ALTHOUGH SHE'S NOT HER REAL CHILD,
THE TITLE "EMPRESS" REALLY ISN'T FOR NOTHING.


BECAUSE THE LAST DAYS AREN'T SOMETHING UNIMAGINABLE,


WE BETTER BE CAREFUL TOO.

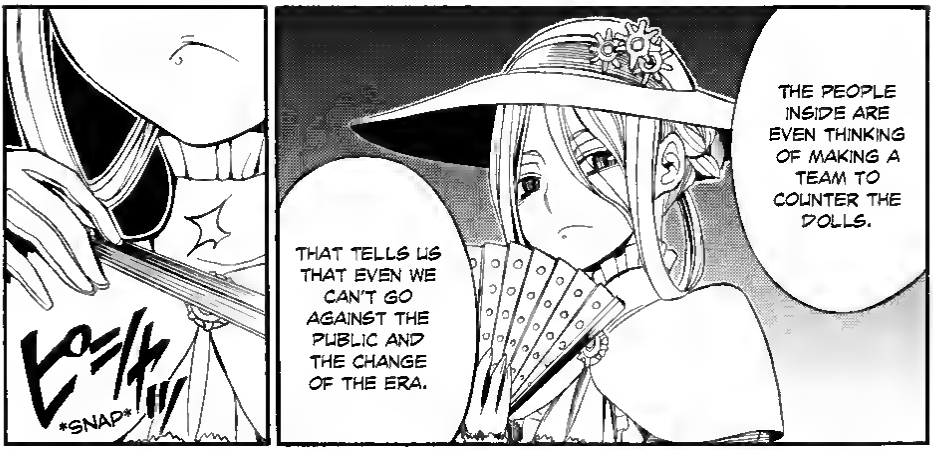
NOT EVEN THE CLAN ITSELF WILL GO AGAINST HER.
SINCE THE MASTER'S DEATH, SHE'S BECOME THE "IRON FIST."

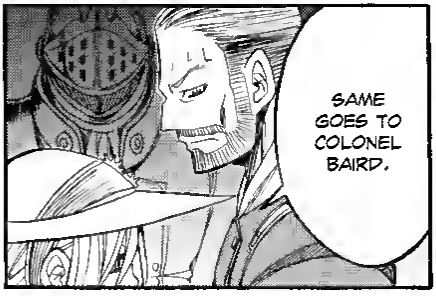
AS PROMISED, CONFIRM THE ORDER WITHIN THIS WEEK.


THEY SHOULD KNOW...
THE IMPORTANCE OF CLOCKWORKERS BY NOW.

DEMONSTRATIONS AND PROTESTS ARE GROWING BY THE DAY.
THE DAMAGE DONE BY THE ILLEGAL PURCHASE AND SALE OF DOLLS AFTER THE WAR IS ENDLESS.

WHAT?
BUT THE HIGHER AUTHORITIES STILL HAVEN'T MADE THEIR DECISION...


SNAP
THAT TELLS US THAT EVEN WE CAN'T GO AGAINST THE PUBLIC AND THE CHANGE OF THE ERA.
THE PEOPLE INSIDE ARE EVEN THINKING OF MAKING A TEAM TO COUNTER THE DOLLS.


SAME GOES TO COLONEL BAIRD.

EVERYONE IS AFRAID OF STAINING THEIR OWN HANDS.
SO EVERYONE WANTS SOMEONE ELSE TO DO THE DIRTY WORK.

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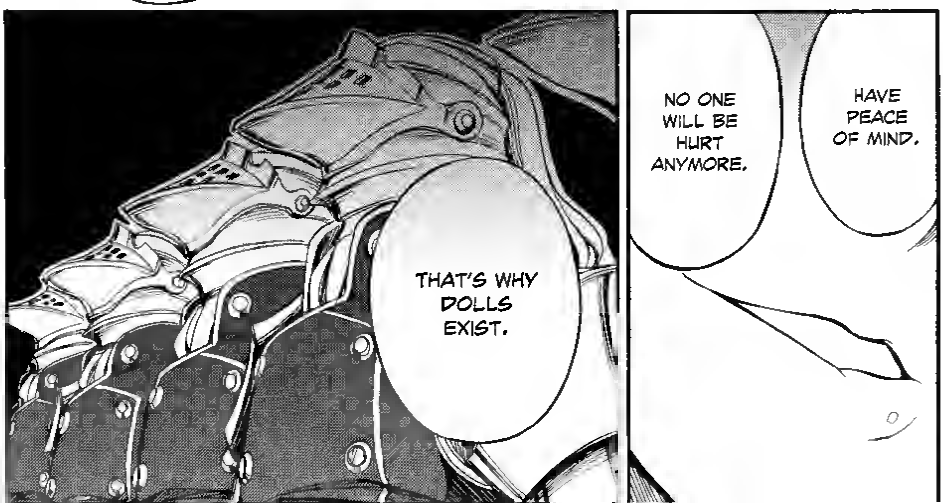
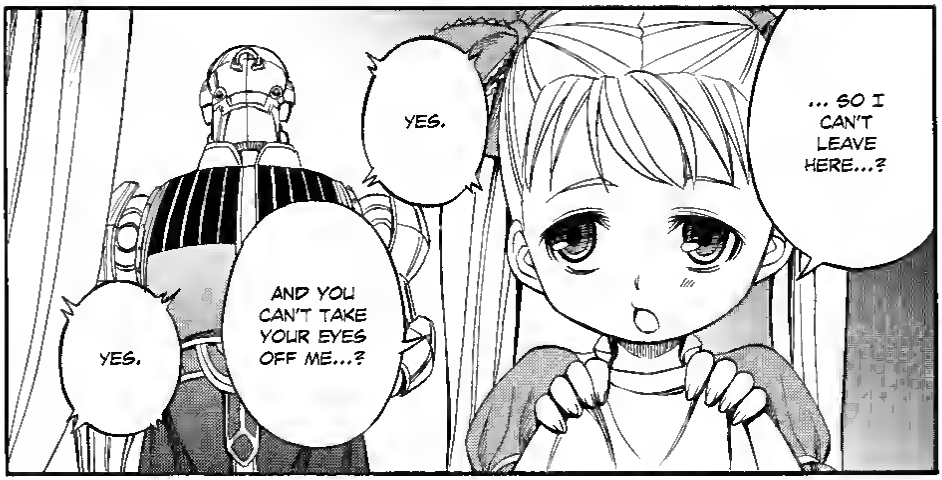
"PEOPLE HURT THEMSELVES THROUGH THEIR OWN HANDS."
YOU, AS A FOLLOWER OF RUKUSHRA, SHOULD KNOW THAT.

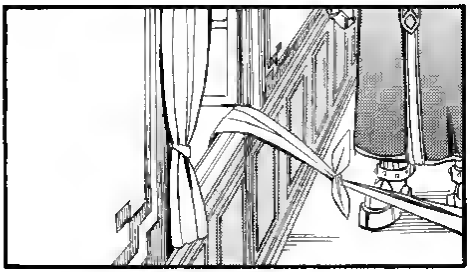
SO STOP SAYING PRETTY WORDS NOW.

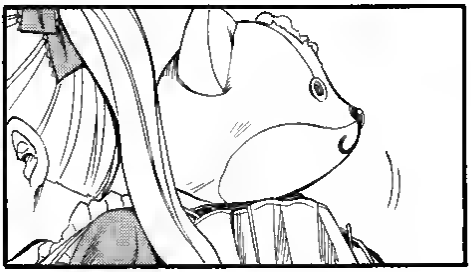
WHAT LEAD TO THE VICTORY IN THE WAR?
WHAT SAVED THE LIVES OF ALL THE SOLDIERS? YOU KNOW THAT ONLY TOO WELL.

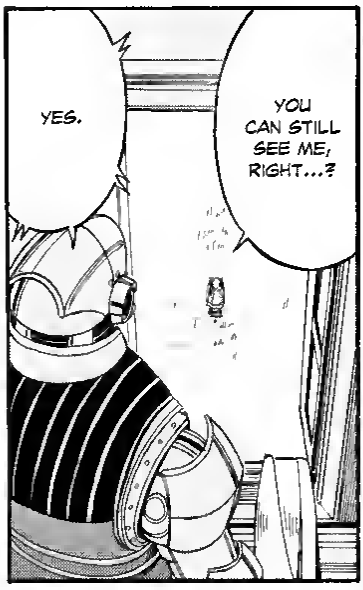

HAVE PEACE OF MIND.
NO ONE WILL BE HURT ANYMORE.
THAT'S WHY DOLLS EXIST.

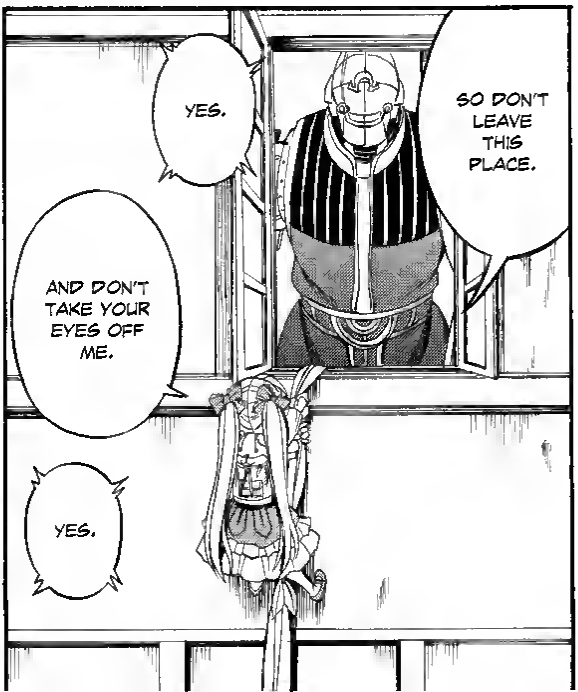
I CAN'T DO THAT.
CALL SOMEONE.
I CAN'T LEAVE HERE.
BRING ME THE SEWING TOOLS.
SORRY.
I'M JUST TRYING TO FIX UP THE 14TH.
BECAUSE IT'S AN ORDER!
WHY...?
.....
LADY VELVET TOLD YOU NOT TO LEAVE THIS PLACE.


... SO I CAN'T LEAVE HERE...?
YES.
AND YOU CAN'T TAKE YOUR EYES OFF ME...?
YES.



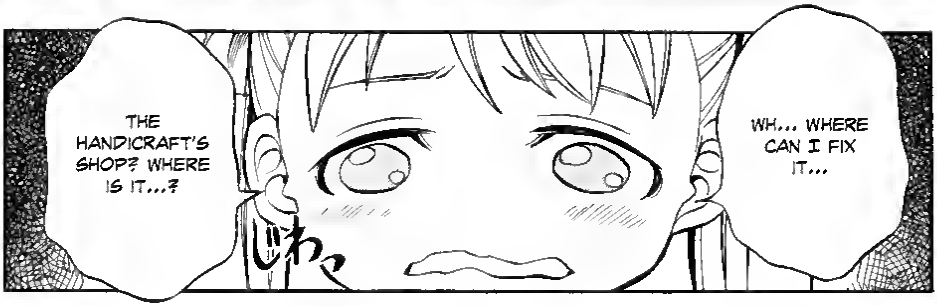


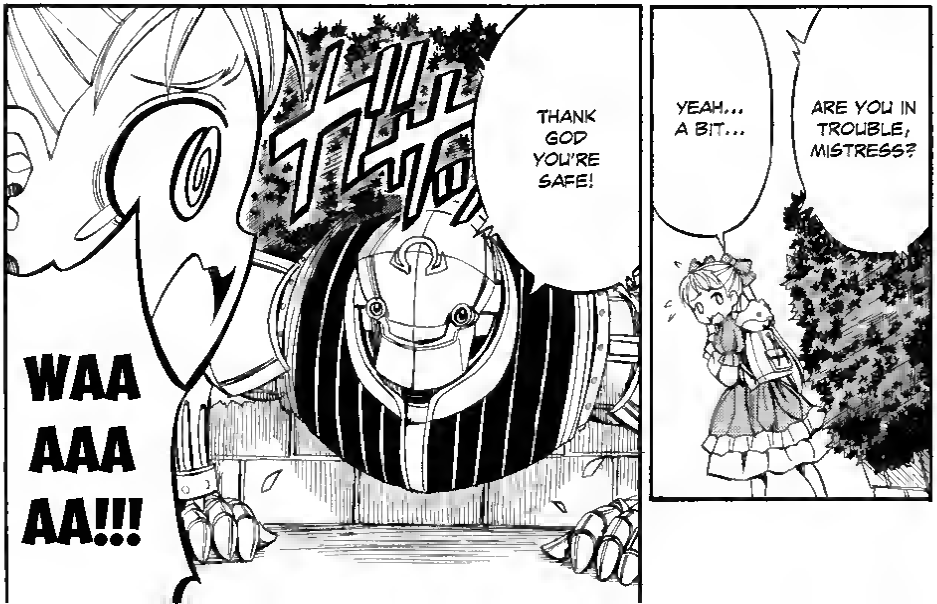

YES.
YOU CAN STILL SEE ME, RIGHT...?


YES.
SO DON'T LEAVE THIS PLACE.
AND DON'T TAKE YOUR EYES OFF ME.
YES.

... I CAN'T SEE YOU ANYMORE...

IT'S REALLY BEEN A WHILE SINCE I LAST CAME OUT TO THE STREETS ...
THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE I DON'T KNOW...


WH... WHERE CAN I FIX IT...
THE HANDICRAFT'S SHOP? WHERE IS IT...?


ARE YOU IN TROUBLE, MISTRESS?
YEAH... A BIT...
THANK GOD YOU'RE SAFE!
WAA AAA AA!!!

HOW... HOW COME!? I THOUGHT YOU COULDN'T LEAVE THAT ROOM...
ERMM... BECAUSE I HAD NO OTHER CHOICE...
SO I DISCONNECTED MY LEGS.
EHH"! THAT'S NOT FAIR!
IT'S NOT UNFAIR. LEGS AREN'T JUST FOR DECORATION, AFTER ALL...
THEY'RE CONSIDERED A PART OF ME, SO...
COME ON, MISTRESS! LET'S GO HOME!
WE'LL BE SCOLDED BY LADY VELVET!
COME ON!
UWA...

ARE YOU ALRIGHT, YOUNG LADY?! RUN AWAY NOW!
EH!
DAMNED DOLLS, COMING OUT IN THE STREETS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY-
Mi... MISTRESS -!
GIVE UP, YOU CLOCKWORKER!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ME??

WE'RE GONNA DESTROY YOU, OBVIOUSLY!
EH...?
THE WAR IS OVER! WE DON'T NEED THE DOLLS ANYMORE!
YEAH YEAH! AND NOW YOU'RE DRAGGING INNOCENT PEOPLE INTO IT!
LET ME DO IT! BECAUSE OF ONE OF THESE, MY SISTER IS...
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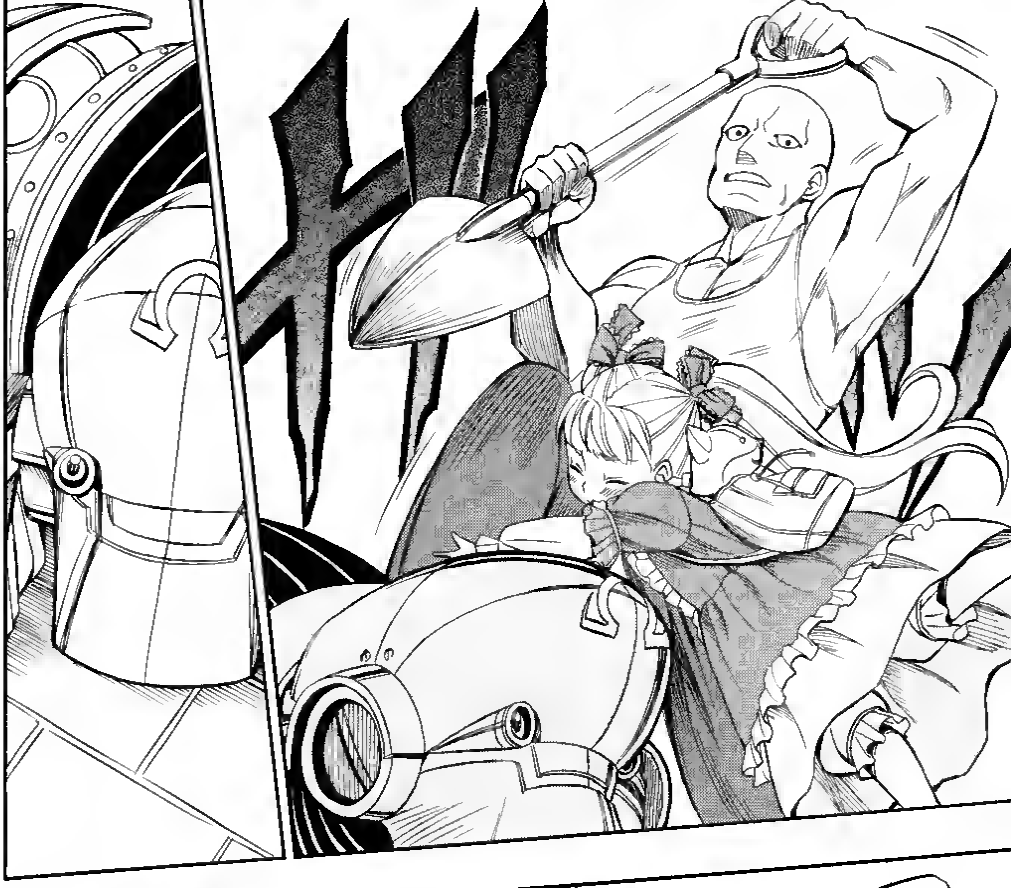
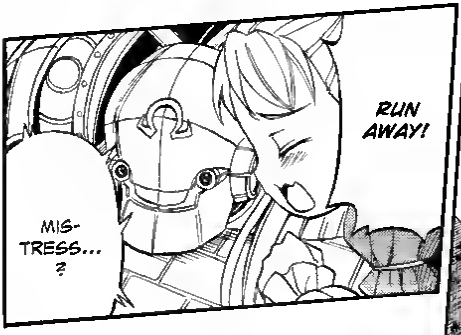
THAT'S RIGHT!! DO IT!!




RUN AWAY!
MIS-TRESS...?

JUST GO NOW!!

GET AWAY FROM THAT THING!
HEY YOU! THAT'S DAN-GEROUS!

HOLD TIGHT!
EH? O...OK!
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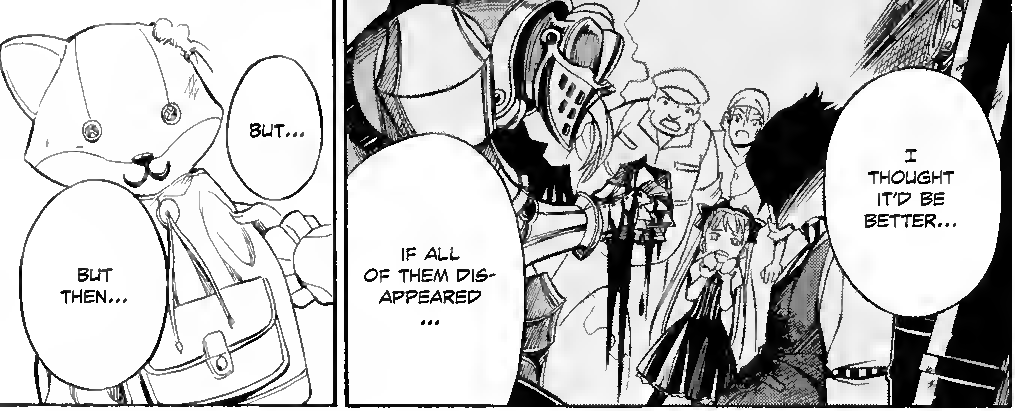
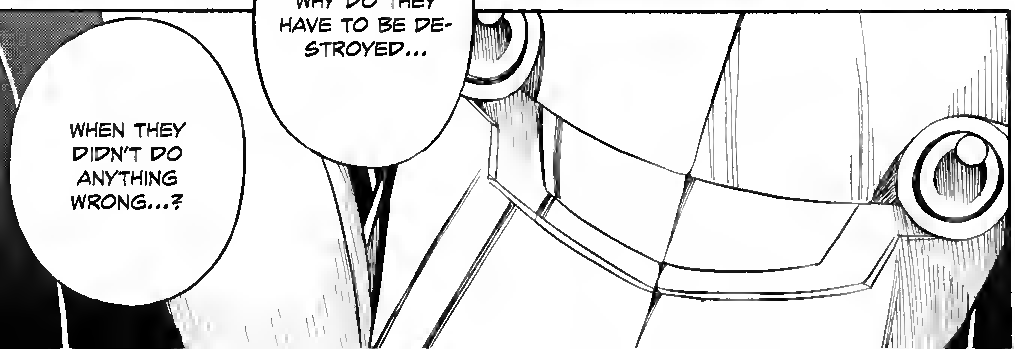
OOOOOOOO
O... OI!!

I THOUGHT YOU HATED ME TOO, MISTRESS...
WHY DID YOU SAVE ME?
FUHH
THINGS DO CHANGE QUICKLY.
THAT WAS REALLY SCARY... DIDN'T THINK THEY'D HATE ME SO MUCH...

YOUR FATHER...?
.....
THEY SAID IT WENT BERSERK...
EM... HATE...
I HATE YOU...
A CLOCKWORKER KILLED MY DAD...

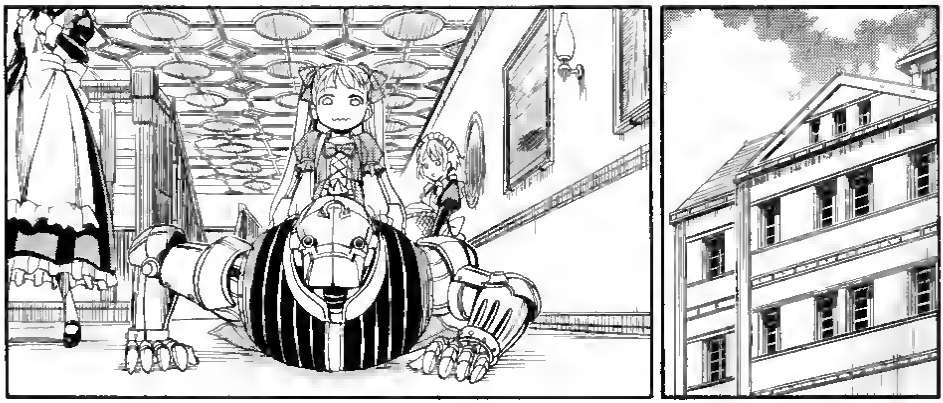

BUT...
BUT THEN...
IF ALL OF THEM DIS-APPEARED ...
I THOUGHT IT'D BE BETTER...

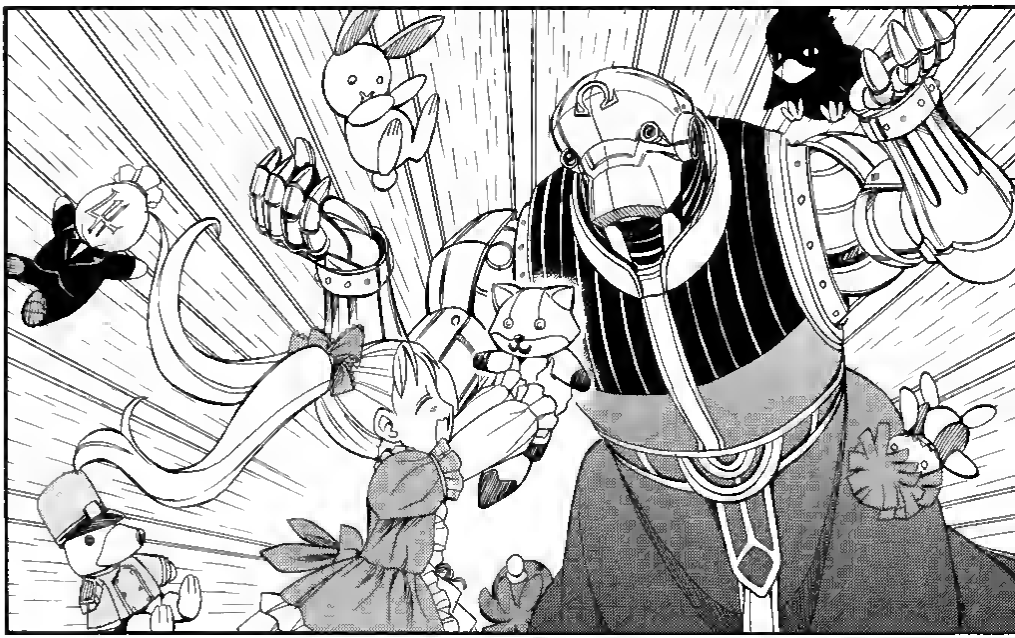
IT'S SO SAD!

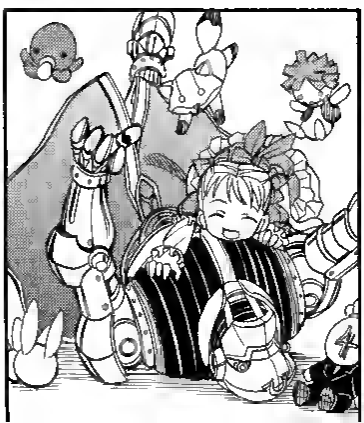

WHY DO THEY HAVE TO BE DE-STROYED...
WHEN THEY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG...?

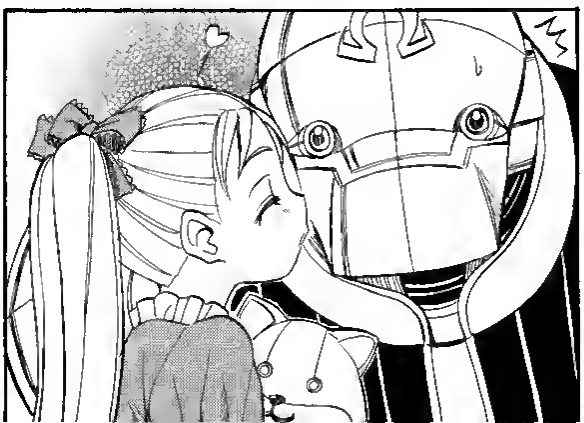
LET ME HELP YOU FIX THAT DOLL.
IT MIGHT BE THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN ANYONE WHO THINKS THAT WAY.
... YOU'RE VERY KIND, MISTRESS.
TH... THANKS...
ERM...
SO I GUESS IT'S ALRIGHT IF IT'S WITHIN MY CAPABILITIES.
I WAS ONLY TOLD NOT TO LEAVE YOU.
REALLY!?
I'M...
I'M MACHINA...
DEUS,
PLEASE CALL ME THAT.

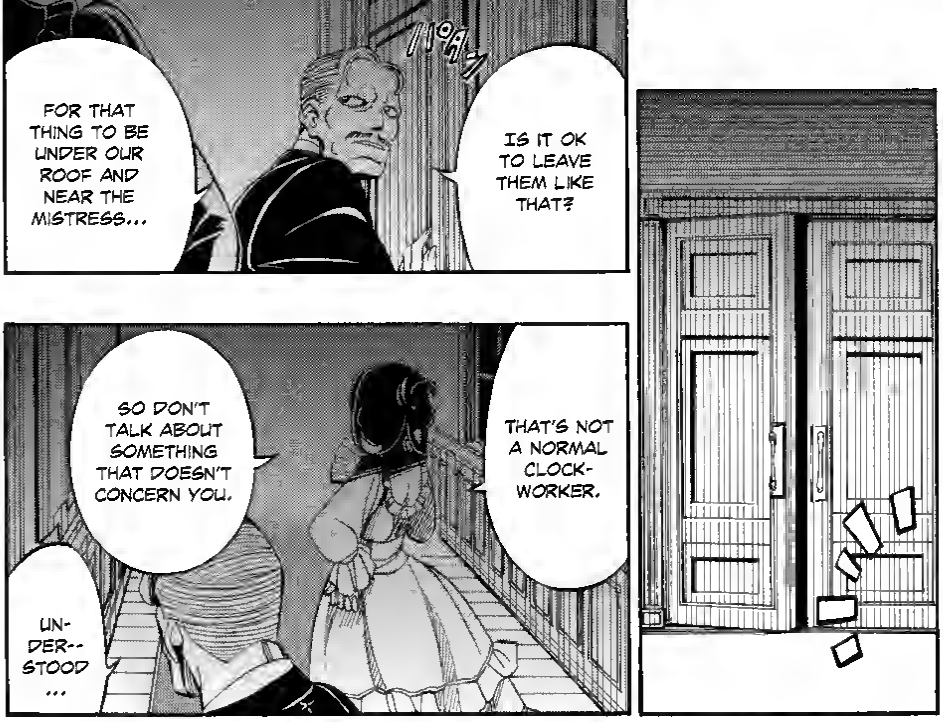
NICE TO MEET YOU, DELIS.



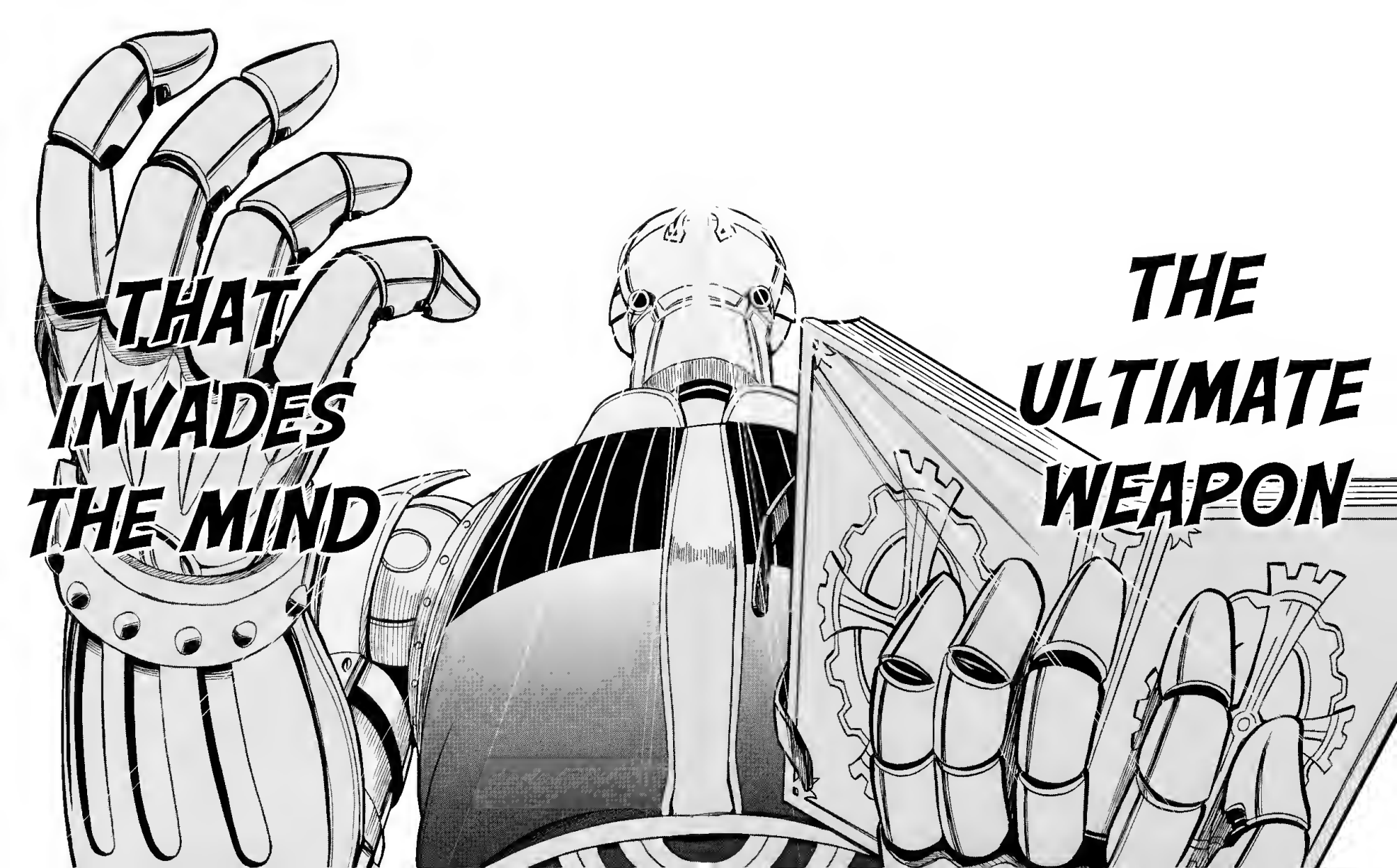







FOR THAT THING TO BE UNDER OUR ROOF AND NEAR THE MISTRESS...
IS IT OK TO LEAVE THEM LIKE THAT?
SO DON'T TALK ABOUT SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T CONCERN YOU.
THAT'S NOT A NORMAL CLOCK-WORKER.
UN-DER-- STOOD ...

SOON YOU'LL BE THE DAUGHTER I WANT.
ENJOY YOUR-SELF NOW.
AFTER ALL, HE IS-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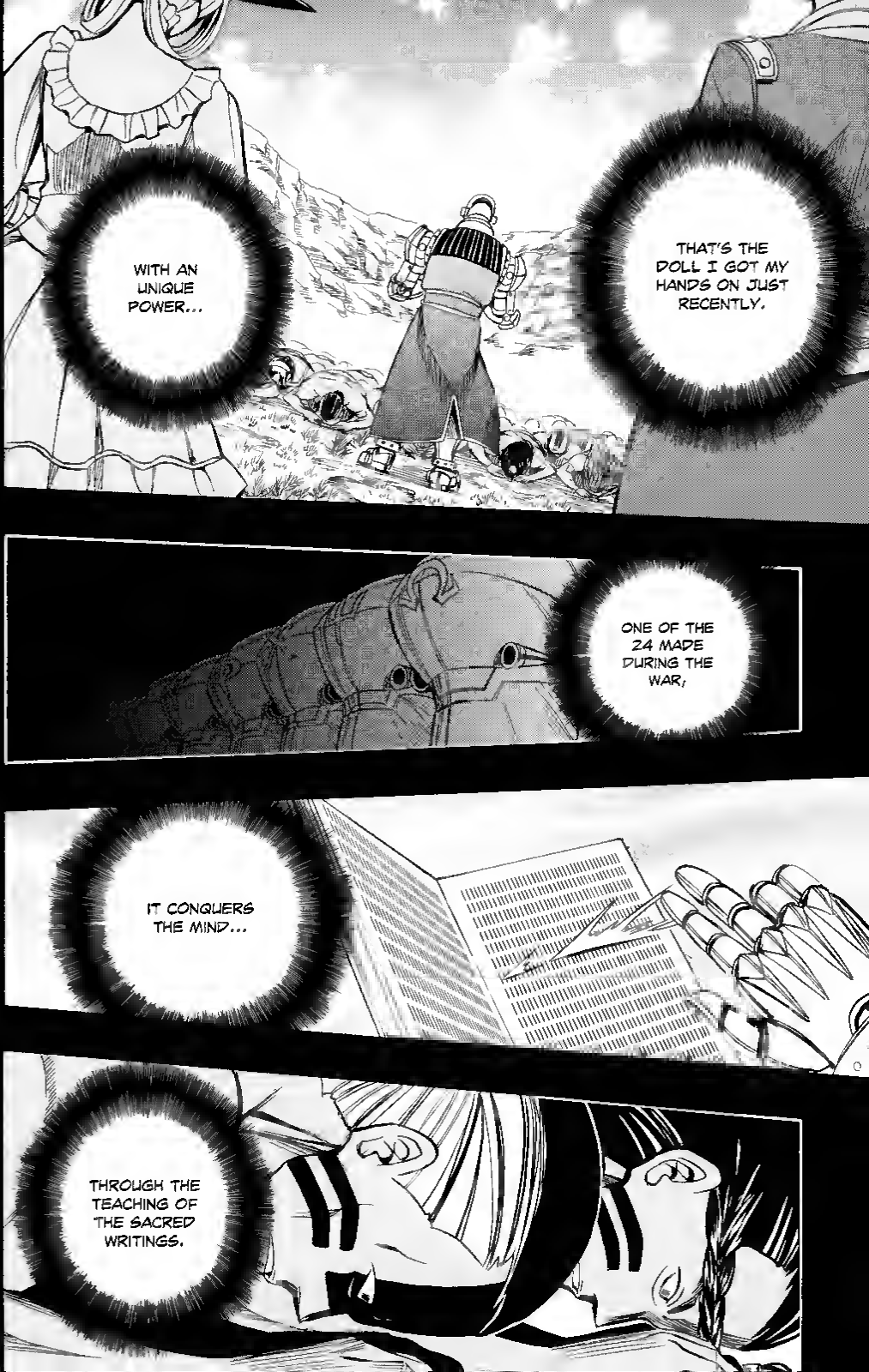
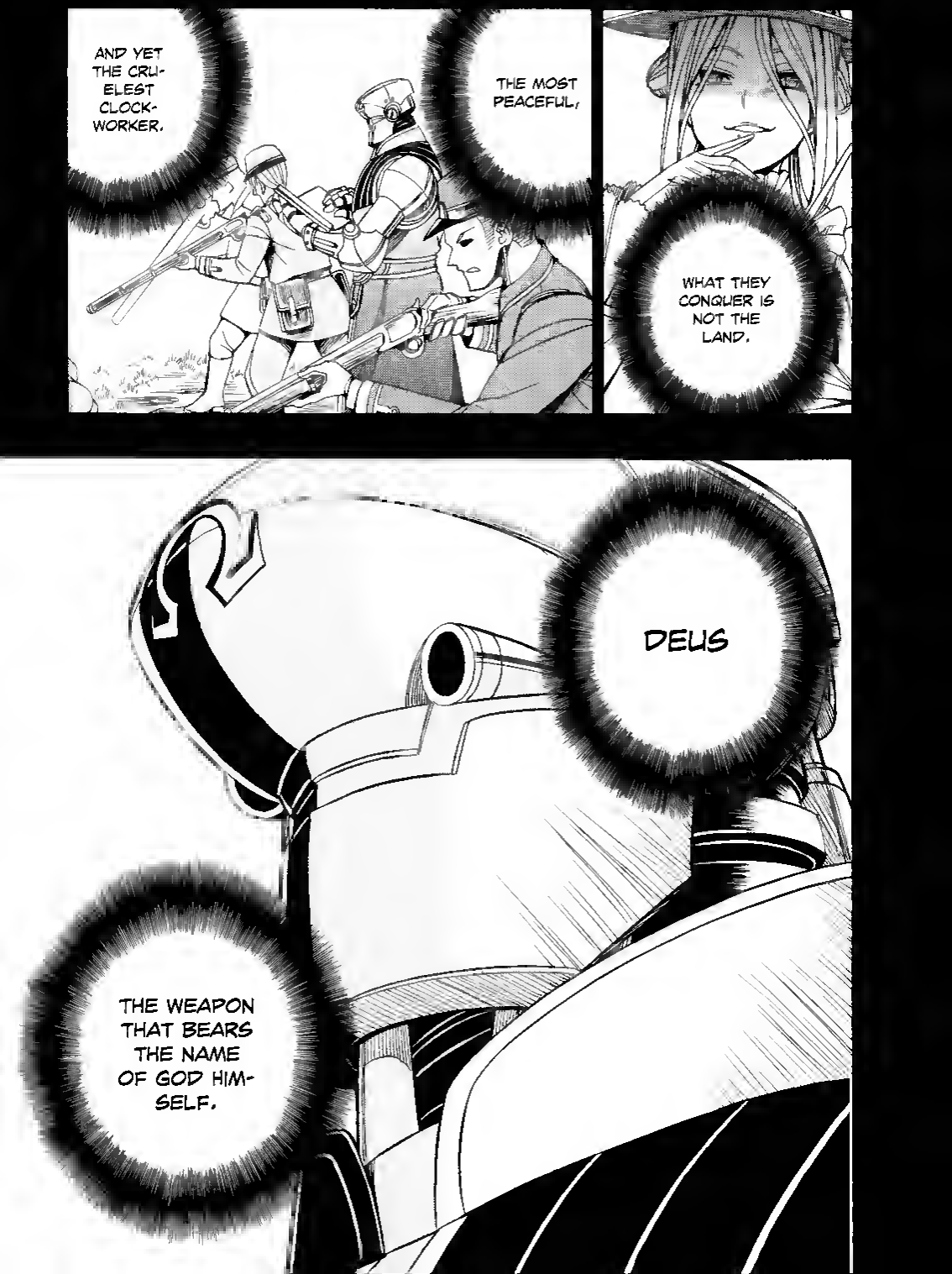

WITH AN UNIQUE POWER...
THAT'S THE DOLL I GOT MY HANDS ON JUST RECENTLY.
ONE OF THE 24 MADE DURING THE WAR,
IT CONQUERS THE MIND...
THROUGH THE TEACHING OF THE SACRED WRITINGS.


AND YET THE CRUELEST CLOCKWORKER,
THE MOST PEACEFUL,
WHAT THEY CONQUER IS NOT THE LAND,
DEUS
THE WEAPON THAT BEARS THE NAME OF GOD HIMSELF.

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